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(To Mrs. Cushing)
(From Lady Osler)

C.R.O.

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13, Norham Gardens.

Dearest Kate

Grace says - here you old f - - you are going to muddle up my letter but I ain't - only to send a hug & a kiss to you all! (W.O.)

Twice I have started to write you tonight - once something went wrong with my pen - then I spilt ink - & now my lunatic husband has taken the pen & begun the letter. You know him and will not mind. I have been so neglectful of you that it seems as though I had not thought much of you during the busy days of your life in your new home - but my large family & many duties are my only excuse & you are not much of a correspondent. I do hope all goes well. The Klebs were here the other day and brought word of you all. How did you like her?

Susan Chapin says she feels very sorry to be away your first winter - and hopes to see much of you next year. We are quite a happy family. "Aunt Sue" takes life quite easily here and I think is relaxing - certainly she is not going at the pace she does at home & is free of responsibility. I make her stay in bed in the morning. She is out of doors a great deal. The girls are busy. They have French and English lessons and go to some lectures - I am sure it will do them good - seeing more of the world - and this rackety house.

Wasn't it too pathetic about the Barker baby. I do feel so sorry for them. This baby seems to have been particularly well and strong - It is really pathetic. Of course we have been very interested over the arrival of Campbell Howard's boy - and there never were such proud parents as those two. Otilie is unusually fond of children which is a mercy for the Howards are such a prolific family. We are expecting a large household for Christmas - Ellie Osler Bowen - her husband & three small children are coming and we shall make merry. Revere comes home on the 18th. In January he is going to a tutor as his classics are feeble and he needs the personal attention & extra work to prepare for college as we hope he will be able to come up here - He is really not good at his books but he is a darling boy - Now dear Kate - about the summer - I mean the Congress - Donald Armwren? said Harvey said to arrange with me about where you should stay - of course I said at once - "They will stay with us - we are taking either a house or rooms in the Hotel - a suite and you & Harvey must be with us. I suppose we shall have the Mullers, Pierre Maries - and I don't know how many more - It seems a hopeless job altogether - And I don't know how to arrange my part of it at all. I shall expect you and Amy to help a lot and that will be some fun. It will be very hot & muggy I am sure.

Sue has just been telling me about the amusing luncheon at Lizzie Crackets when she wished to advise about your children & dancing School. I suppose by now you are well established in all the Boston tricks, ~~swee~~ing circles & dancing classes. If you ever get a chance do be introduced to Mrs. Charles Short - She was Countess Camille Hoyos and married last week to Charlie Short of Cincinnati & Lexington Kentucky - and gone to live in Boston. She is a great friend of Jay Chapin & her mother & rather a fascinating person.

Best love to Harvey & all the darlings.

Affec.

Tante Grace.

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